Export Credit Gurantee Scheme

543. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Seafood Export Association has called for waiving the export credit gurantee scheme under which exporters have to pay 0.5% of the total value of their exports to Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government has not received any representation from the Seafood Exporters Association for waiving the export credit gurantee scheme underwhich exporters have to pay 0.5% of the total value of their exports to the Government.

Withdrawal From WTO

544. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to pull out of WTO;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) how do Government think that walking out of WTO would be in the country's benefit stating the economic implications involved in the event of withdrawal from WTO?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Trade Between India And Bangladesh

545. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the quantum of trade between India and Bangladesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are thinking of strengthening the trade between the two countries; and